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CHP CADETS PAY TRIBUTE WITH RUN TO OFFICER MEMORIAL

More than 70 cadets preparing to graduate from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy later this week will run nearly five miles from the Academy in West Sacramento to the California Peace Officers' Memorial across from the State Capitol. The run is a tradition on the Wednesday before each graduation, but this week the run will honor Albert E. LeBas, who died on Nov. 27, 2010, at the age of 88.

LeBas was a driving force behind the creation of the memorial. In 1983, during his service in the Deukmejian administration, LeBas was instrumental in the creation of the monument that memorializes more than 1,500 California peace officers who have laid down their lives serving and protecting fellow citizens of the state. His devotion to the cause was so great that he would spend hours each year polishing the memorial before annual services honoring fallen officers.

WHO: More than 70 cadets and other CHP personnel

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at 5:15 a.m.

WHERE: CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Ave., West Sacramento

VISUALS: Cadets in physical training uniforms will run in formation and sing cadence on Reed Avenue, across the Tower Bridge, and along Capitol Mall, ending at the Peace Officers' Memorial on 10th Street and Capitol Mall.

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